



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 961***

LCO No. 2889

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans Affairs

Introduced by:  
(VA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) The Department of Veterans'  
2 Affairs shall provide a toll-free telephone number for use by active  
3 members of the armed forces in this state, including the National  
4 Guard, and their families to obtain (1) information about benefits and  
5 services that may be available to the members and their families, and  
6 (2) referrals to entities, as appropriate, that provide such benefits and  
7 services. The toll-free number shall be staffed by employees of the  
8 Department of Veterans' Affairs on weekdays during regular business  
9 hours, and on weekends and holidays from nine o'clock a.m. to five  
10 o'clock p.m.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2005</i> | New section |
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide members of the armed forces and their families in this state with one toll-free telephone number to call for assistance.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*